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1. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 4 OF REF A, THE TURKISH
PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF AEGEAN COMMAND CONTROL,
CONTAINED REFERENCE B, ARE GENERALLY CORRECT. HOWEVER,
TO SAY THAT SACEUR CONCURRED IN THE CHANGE TO THE EARLY
WARNING BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK AIR
DEFENSE SECTORS WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH TURKISH AUTHORI-
TIES IS DIFFICULT TO SUBSTANTIATE. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF
ANY DOCUMENTATION EITHER WAY. HOWEVER, IT IS REASONABLE

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TO ASSUME THAT THIS CHANGE WAS STAFFED THROUGH THE CHAIN
OF COMMAND IN WHICH SENIOR TURKISH OFFICERS WERE
LOCATED. IT IS ALSO REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THESE
OFFICERS INFORMED THEIR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

2. WE ASSUME THAT THE 1964 LINE REFERRED TO IN PARA 4
REF A IS THE AIR DEFENSE BOUNDARY LINE IN EXISTENCE

PRIOR TO THE CHANGE DISCUSSED ABOVE. THIS EARLY WARNING BOUNDARY WAS A NORTH SOUTH LINE GENERALLY ALONG 26 DEGREES EAST LATITUDE. THE REFERENCE TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE 1964 LINE IS THE TURKISH BASIS FOR PROVING THAT THE CURRENT LINE, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE FIR, IS ILLEGALLY DRAWN. THEY HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSED A RETURN TO THE 1964, I.E., THE 26 DEGREE BOUNDARY. THE PROPOSALS IN REFERENCE C AND D APPEAR MOST RELATED TO THE NOTAM 714 LINE OF 1974 AND TO THE PROPOSALS MADE BILATERALLY TO THE GREEKS FOR TWO 30NM CONTIGUOUS ZONES WEST OF THE FIR LINE. NO NEW BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO ANYONE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS.

3. THIS IS A JOINT US MISSION, USDELMC, USNMR SHAPE CABLE.GLITMAN

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